



Education support — where they serve

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Many U.S. Service members deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom found themselves serving in remote locations with limited support facilities. The national news remains awash in stories of adaptation and sacrifice by our men and women in uniform.

Despite working long, rigorous hours in support of frontline forces under austere conditions, many Service members still sought available education support facilities. The

Kuwait.

The LRC experienced an increase in Service member use during Operation Iraqi Freedom. USAF Training Specialist TSgt Amy Barrio, a native of Kellogg, Idaho, and mother of two, manages the Al Jaber LRC and serves as the Test Control Officer (TCO).

In April, GySgt Diane O'Keefe, a Marine deployed to Al Jaber, Kuwait (and coincidentally- my wife) visited the LRC. TSgt Barrio feels she makes a positive difference in the lives of personnel assigned at Al Jaber. "I enjoy meeting people from all



TSgt Barrio / TCO, Al Jaber, Kuwait

Navy personnel. From mid-February to mid-March 2003, Barrio administered more than 200 CLEP, DSST, and SAT tests at Al Jaber.

ACC Leadership

Mr. Jim Miskelly is the person responsible at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Air Combat Command (ACC) for making this initiative so successful. Mr. Len Lipp, the DANTES *continued on page 2*



Learning Resource Center, Al Jaber, Kuwait

availability of a Learning Resource Center (LRC) can help Service members feel as though they're making the most of their down time while deployed. This can also help keep them on track if they're already pursuing studies.

One example of this education support is the LRC at Al Jaber,

different branches of Service. Making Education Support available to them helps make the most of their time here," Barrio said.

With the commencement of the war and subsequent buildup of coalition forces, TSgt Barrio saw a dramatic increase in test taking and use of the LRC by Marine Corps and

Quarterly reports due for DISCOVER

For Education Centers and Family Support Centers that have the DISCOVER program, quarterly reports from April - June are due by 15 July. Negative reports **are** required.

You can fax the reports to DSN 922-1162 or (850) 452-1162, or mail them to DANTES, Code 10B, 6490 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32509-5243.

Teacher certification section to be added to web version of DANTES External Degree Catalog

Many colleges and universities offer K-12 teacher certification programs at a distance. We will add a section to the web version of the *DANTES External Degree Catalog* listing



schools that offer teacher certification at a distance. These schools have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with DANTES.

DANTES does not endorse one program over the other. Students should research carefully, giving consideration to cost, program length, academic and professional requirements, and how/when any on-campus courses or practice teaching may be accomplished.

Critical Reminder: Most of these programs tend to be very state-specific and may even be limited to state residents. Also, teacher certification or licensure is controlled by the state in which the teacher plans to teach. Prospective teachers must take personal responsibility for ensuring transfer or acceptance of credentials to a second state. The colleges and

universities that offer K-12 teacher certification programs at a distance are:

- ★ Clemson University
- ★ Liberty University
- ★ Old Dominion University
- ★ St. Joseph's College
- ★ Univ of Maryland Univ College
- ★ Wayland Baptist University
- ★ Western Governors University

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Examinations Program Manager, points to the primary coordinator behind ACC, LRC support. "Mr. Miskelly orchestrates the ongoing Education Support mosaic that provides for a range of voluntary education services to include the most popular DANTES credit-by-examination programs (CLEP/DSST). Working closely with the DANTES Exam Programs staff, he has effectively coordinated the identification and attendance of prospective TCOs at the DANTES TCO Workshops for a large group of TCOs who have rotated on a 90- to 180-day basis through nine separate duty locations.

Mr. Miskelly's creative manage-



GySgt O'Keefe and TSgt Barrio at the Al Jaber LRC

ment and adaptive approaches to meeting the educational needs of deployed military personnel have provided Air Force and other Service personnel the opportunity to continue their education even during times

characterized by increased deployments and high operational tempos," said Mr. Lipp.

Deployed personnel using the LRC are immensely grateful for the Education Support provided to them while serving so far away. DANTES applauds the leadership of Mr. Miskelly, the service of TSgt Barrio, and all who ensure the delivery of education support to our men and women in uniform— wherever they serve.

Do you have a Success Story? E-mail ea@voled.doded.mil.

Check out the DANTES Web site at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

Calendar

August

1 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)

September

13-17 Praxis*

October

3 Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
4 LSAT
6-10 CLEP General English Comp w/ Essay*

November

10-15 GRE Subject*
13, 18, 20 ASE (Conus)**
15-19 Praxis*
18, 19, 20 ASE (Overseas)**

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

**Deadline for ordering ASE exams is 19 September.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/02-03cal.doc

Reminder: The SAT Program shuts down scoring in late summer. Do not schedule SAT testing in July/August. See the DEPH SAT Chapter 3.

Respond immediately to "First Notices"

If you have received a "**First Notice**" from one of the DANTES testing agencies (ETS/CGI, ACT, Excelsior, GEDTS) regarding an inventory discrepancy or overdue/recalled tests, respond to the appropriate agency immediately.

Some of the issues covered in a "**First Notice**" are:

- ★ Tests held past the 45/60 day limit for nonstocking test centers
- ★ Tests not listed or tests listed incorrectly on an inventory
- ★ Tests that have been recalled/retired
- ★ Special-ordered tests not returned after the test date

Since any of these circumstances might result in a test loss/compromise, failure to respond to the "**First Notice**" will result in a "**Second Notice**," major command/headquarters notification, and possible suspension of testing until the discrepancy is resolved.

Transcript information available on DANTES Web site

Individuals seeking transcript information for exams taken at military test centers under the USAFI and DANTES Examination Programs, as well as the DoDDS and Panama Canal Zone schools, can go to the DANTES Web site at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

From the menu, select "Examination Programs" and then "Transcript Request" to access the information that applies to your request.

If you need further assistance, please e-mail the Exams Program at

exams@voled.doded.mil, or call DSN 922-1063 or (850) 452-1063.

Return those withdrawn exams!

The following CLEP exams **cannot** be administered after 30 June. Please return all administered answer sheets and test booklets immediately.

CLEP General Exams

04910/04928 Humanities

CLEP Subject Exams

26107 General Chemistry

75027 College Level German Language

18074 General Biology

65048 Western Civilization I

66052 Western Civilization II

Interested in offering FAA A&P tests?

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airframe and Powerplant mechanic tests are now offered at selected military bases in Conus. The tests will be administered by the DANTES test site on the installation.

Installations interested in becoming an authorized FAA testing center for Service members must have an established DANTES test site that meets hardware and software requirements, establish connectivity with the FAA server in Oklahoma City, receive training from the DANTES Certification Program Manager, and successfully complete the FAA/DANTES Administrator's Test.

If interested, DANTES Test Control Officers should e-mail certprog@voled.doded.mil, or call DSN 922-1360 or (850) 452-1360.

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